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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

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FORM EXEMPT UNDER 44 U.S.C 3512

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1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT				
a. Name of Employer		b. Tel. No. (888) 892-7180		
Amazon				
		c. Cell No. (888) 892-7180		
		f. Fax No.		
d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code)	e. Employer Representative	1. Tux No.		
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500 American Ave	Kelsey Fagan			
PA Philadelphia 19406	HR Business Partner	h. Number of workers employed		
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i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.)	j. Identify principal product or service			
Others	,, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			
k. The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging	in unfair labor practices within the meaning of sect	ion 8(a), subsections (1) and (list		
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#### **Basis of the Charge**

#### 8(a)(1)

Within the previous six months, the Employer discharged an employee(s) because the employee(s) engaged in protected concerted activities by, inter alia, discussing wages and/or other terms and conditions of employment and in order to discourage employees from engaging in protected concerted activities.

Name of employee discharged	Approximate date of discharge
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	®®®®



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June 5, 2020

Kelsey Fagan, HR Business Partner Amazon 500 American Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19406

Re: Amazon

Case 04-CA-261301

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

<u>Investigator</u>: This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney DAVID RODRIGUEZ whose telephone number is (215) 597-7657. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Attorney NOELLE M. REESE whose telephone number is (215) 597-0729.

**Right to Representation:** You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701*, *Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, <a href="www.nlrb.gov">www.nlrb.gov</a>, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

<u>Presentation of Your Evidence</u>: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as

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possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly. **Due to the nature of the allegations in the enclosed unfair labor practice charge, we have identified this case as one in which injunctive relief pursuant to Section 10(j) of the Act may be appropriate.** 

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose position statements or evidence in closed cases upon request, unless an exemption applies, such as those protecting confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

<u>Preservation of all Potential Evidence:</u> Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

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We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

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RICHARD P. HELLER Acting Regional Director

#### **Enclosures:**

- 1. Copy of Charge
- 2. Commerce Questionnaire



### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

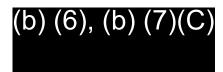
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your affidavit(s) and other evidence. If you have not yet scheduled a date and time for the Board agent to take your affidavit, please contact the Board agent to schedule the affidavit(s). If you fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

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#### NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

#### NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

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and	CASE 04-CA-261301		
REGIONAL DIRECTOR  EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD Washington, DC 20570	GENERAL COUNSEL NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD Washington, DC 20570		
THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ENTERS APPEARANCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF			
IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER.			
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) BELOW:  REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY			
IF REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE AGENCY IN BOX MUST BE CHECKED. IF THIS BOX IS NOT CHECKED, THE PARTY V DOCUMENTS SUCH AS CHARGES, PETITIONS AND FORMAL DOCUMENT CASEHANDLING MANUAL.	ADDITION TO THOSE DESCRIBED BELOW, THIS VILL RECEIVE ONLY COPIES OF CERTAIN		
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SIGNATURE:			
(Please sign in ink.) June 9, 2020 DATE:			

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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

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FORM EXEMPT UNDER 44 U.S.C.3512

INSTRUCTIONS: File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring. 1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT a. Name of Employer b. Tel. No (888) 892-7180 Amazon c. Cell No. f. Fax No. d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) e. Employer Representative g. e-Mail 500 American Ave kelsey fagan klfgn@amazon.com **HR Business Partner** PA King Of Prussia 19406h. Number of workers employed 800 i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) j. Identify principal product or service packages Containers & Packaging k. The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(a), subsections (1) and (list of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act. 2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices) --See additional page--3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 4b. Tel. No 4a. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code) 4c. Cell No 4d. Fax No 4e. e-Mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization) Tel. No. 6. DECLARATION I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office, if any, Cell No. Title: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (signature of representative or person making charge) (Print/type name and title or office, if any) Fax No. e-Mail

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#### **Basis of the Charge**

#### 8(a)(1)

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Name of employee disciplined/retaliated against	Type of discipline/retaliation	Approximate date of discipline/retaliation
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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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March 25, 2020

Kelsey Fagan, HR Business Partner Amazon 500 American Ave King Of Prussia, PA 19406

Re: Amazon

Case 04-CA-258383

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In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor any request to place limitations on our use of position statements or evidence beyond those prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act and the Federal Records Act. Thus, we will not honor any claim of confidentiality except as provided by Exemption 4 of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(b)(4), and any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at any hearing before an administrative law judge. We are also required by the Federal Records Act to keep copies of documents gathered in our investigation for some years after a case closes. Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose such records in closed cases upon request, unless there is an applicable exemption. Examples of those exemptions are those that protect confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

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Case 04-CA-258383

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RICHARD P. HELLER Acting Regional Director

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#### Enclosures:

- 1. Copy of Charge
- 2. Commerce Questionnaire

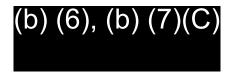


### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Agency Website: www.nlrb.gov Telephone: (215)597-7601 Fax: (215)597-7658



March 25, 2020



**REGION 4** 

Suite 403

100 E Penn Square

Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: Amazon

Case 04-CA-258383

#### Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

The charge that you filed in this case on March 25, 2020 has been docketed as case number 04-CA-258383. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

<u>Investigator</u>: This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney DAVID RODRIGUEZ whose telephone number is (215)597-7657. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Attorney NOELLE M. REESE whose telephone number is (215)597-0729.

**Right to Representation:** You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701*, *Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, <a href="www.nlrb.gov">www.nlrb.gov</a>, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

<u>Presentation of Your Evidence</u>: As the party who filed the charge in this case, it is your responsibility to meet with the Board agent to provide a sworn affidavit, or provide other witnesses to provide sworn affidavits, and to provide relevant documents within your possession. Because we seek to resolve labor disputes promptly, you should be ready to promptly present your affidavit(s) and other evidence. If you have not yet scheduled a date and time for the Board agent to take your affidavit, please contact the Board agent to schedule the affidavit(s). If you fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

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RICHARD P. HELLER Acting Regional Director

#### NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

#### NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Amazon			
and	CASE 04-CA-258383		
REGIONAL DIRECTOR  EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD Washington, DC 20570	GENERAL COUNSEL NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD Washington, DC 20570		
THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ENTERS APPEARANCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF			
IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER.			
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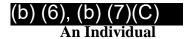
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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION FOUR

#### AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC

and

Cases 04-CA-258383 and 04-CA-261301



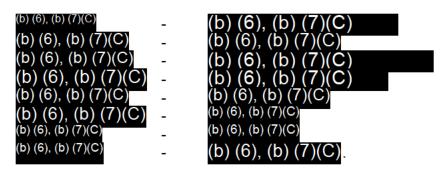
### ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES, CONSOLIDATED COMPLAINT, AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Section 102.33 of the Rules and Regulations of the National Labor Relations Board (the Board) and to avoid unnecessary costs or delay, **IT IS ORDERED** that Case 04-CA-258383 and Case 04-CA-261031, which are based on charges filed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), an Individual (the Charging Party) against Amazon.com Services LLC (Respondent), are consolidated.

This Order Consolidating Cases, Consolidated Complaint, and Notice of Hearing, which is based on these charges, is issued pursuant to Section 10(b) of the National Labor Relations Act (the Act), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. and Section 102.15 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, and alleges that Respondent has violated the Act as described below.

- 1. (a) The charge in Case 04-CA-258383 was filed by the Charging Party on March 25, 2020, and a copy was served on Respondent by U.S. mail on March 25, 2020.
- (b) The charge in Case 04-CA-261301 was filed by the Charging Party on June 5, 2020, and a copy was served on Respondent by U.S. mail on June 5, 2020.
- 2. (a) At all material times, Respondent, a Delaware limited liability company with a Delivery Station in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania (the Facility), has been engaged in providing online retail sales throughout the United States.
- (b) During the past 12-month period, Respondent, in conducting its business operations described above in subparagraph (a), derived gross revenues in excess of \$500,000, and purchased and received at the Facility goods valued in excess of \$5,000 directly from points outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- (c) At all material times, Respondent has been an employer engaged in commerce within the meaning of Section 2(2), (6), and (7) of the Act.
- 3. At all material times, the following individuals held the positions with Respondent set forth opposite their respective names and have been supervisors of Respondent

within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Act and agents of Respondent within the meaning of Section 2(13) of the Act:



- 4. (a) About December 23, 2019, Respondent, by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), in office, directed an employee to stop engaging in activity with other employees regarding wages, hours, and working conditions.
- (b) About February 17, 2020, Respondent, by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), at office, made an unspecified threat of reprisal to an employee because the employee engaged in activity with other employees regarding wages, hours, and working conditions.
- (c) About (b) (6), (b) (7)(c), 2020, Respondent, by (b) (6), (b) (7)(c), near the B Belt in the Facility, told an employee that the employee was being disciplined for insubordination, because the employee engaged in activity with other employees regarding wages, hours, and working conditions.
  - 5. (a) At all material times, Respondent has maintained the following rule:

Long hair exceeding the neck line shall be pinned up or tied back at all times while working on the Operations floor. Ponytails exceeding the neckline shall also be pinned up.

- (b) About February 24 and March 7, 2020, Respondent, by enforced the rule described above in subparagraph (a) selectively and disparately by applying it only against an employee who engaged in concerted activities with other employees for the purposes of mutual aid and protection.
- 6. (a) Beginning in about mid-December 2019, a more precise date being presently unknown to the General Counsel, Respondent's employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) engaged in concerted activities with other employees for the purposes of mutual aid and protection, by complaining about travel payments, paid time off, and other terms and conditions of employment.
  - (b) About (b) (6), (b) (7)(c), 2020, Respondent suspended (b), (b), (b), (7)(C)
  - (c) About (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2020, Respondent discharged (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

- (d) Respondent engaged in the conduct described above in subparagraphs (b) and (c), because (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) engaged in the conduct described above in subparagraph (a), and to discourage employees from engaging in these or other concerted activities.
- 7. By the conduct described above in paragraphs 4 through 6, Respondent has been interfering with, restraining, and coercing employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed in Section 7 of the Act in violation of Section 8(a)(1) of the Act.
- 8. The unfair labor practices of Respondent described above affect commerce within the meaning of Section 2(6) and (7) of the Act.

WHEREFORE, as part of the remedy for the unfair labor practice alleged above in paragraph 6, the General Counsel seeks an Order requiring that Respondent be required to submit appropriate W-2 forms to the Regional Director to enable the allocation of backpay to the appropriate earnings periods for Social Security Administration (SSA) purposes. The General Counsel further seeks all other relief as may be just and proper to remedy the unfair labor practices alleged.

#### **ANSWER REQUIREMENT**

Respondent is notified that, pursuant to Sections 102.20 and 102.21 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, it must file an answer to the complaint. The answer must be **received by this office on or before Friday, November 27, 2020.** Respondent also must serve a copy of the answer on each of the other parties.

The answer must be filed electronically through the Agency's website. electronically, go to www.nlrb.gov, click on E-File Documents, enter the NLRB Case Number, and follow the detailed instructions. Responsibility for the receipt and usability of the answer rests exclusively upon the sender. Unless notification on the Agency's website informs users that the Agency's E-Filing system is officially determined to be in technical failure because it is unable to receive documents for a continuous period of more than 2 hours after 12:00 noon (Eastern Time) on the due date for filing, a failure to timely file the answer will not be excused on the basis that the transmission could not be accomplished because the Agency's website was off-line or unavailable for some other reason. The Board's Rules and Regulations require that an answer be signed by counsel or non-attorney representative for represented parties or by the party if not represented. See Section 102.21. If the answer being filed electronically is a pdf document containing the required signature, no paper copies of the answer need to be transmitted to the Regional Office. However, if the electronic version of an answer to a complaint is not a pdf file containing the required signature, then the E-filing rules require that such answer containing the required signature continue to be submitted to the Regional Office by traditional means within three (3) business days after the date of electronic filing. Service of the answer on each of the other parties must still be accomplished by means allowed under the Board's Rules and Regulations. The answer may not be filed by facsimile transmission. If no answer is filed, or if an answer is filed untimely, the Board may find, pursuant to a Motion for Default Judgment, that the allegations in the complaint are true.

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, and on consecutive days thereafter until concluded, a hearing will be conducted before an administrative law judge of the National Labor Relations Board via ZOOM/video conference or in a manner and location otherwise ordered by the Regional Director and/or the Administrative Law Judge. At the hearing, Respondent and any other party to this proceeding have the right to appear and present testimony regarding the allegations in this Complaint. The procedures to be followed at the hearing are described in the attached Form NLRB-4668. The procedure to request a postponement of the hearing is described in the attached Form NLRB-4338.

Signed this 13th day of November, 2020.

RICHAR P. HELLER

Richard P. Adeller

Acting Regional Director, Fourth Region National Labor Relations Board

Attachments

# UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD NOTICE

Cases 04-CA-258383 and 04-CA-261301

The issuance of the notice of formal hearing in this case does not mean that the matter cannot be disposed of by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, it is the policy of this office to encourage voluntary adjustments. The examiner or attorney assigned to the case will be pleased to receive and to act promptly upon your suggestions or comments to this end.

An agreement between the parties, approved by the Regional Director, would serve to cancel the hearing. However, unless otherwise specifically ordered, the hearing will be held at the date, hour, and place indicated. Postponements *will not be granted* unless good and sufficient grounds are shown *and* the following requirements are met:

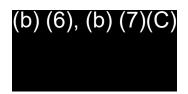
- (1) The request must be in writing. An original and two copies must be filed with the Regional Director when appropriate under 29 CFR 102.16(a) or with the Division of Judges when appropriate under 29 CFR 102.16(b).
- (2) Grounds must be set forth in *detail*;
- (3) Alternative dates for any rescheduled hearing must be given;
- (4) The positions of all other parties must be ascertained in advance by the requesting party and set forth in the request; and
- (5) Copies must be simultaneously served on all other parties (listed below), and that fact must be noted on the request.

Except under the most extreme conditions, no request for postponement will be granted during the three days immediately preceding the date of hearing.

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#### **Procedures in NLRB Unfair Labor Practice Hearings**

The attached complaint has scheduled a hearing that will be conducted by an administrative law judge (ALJ) of the National Labor Relations Board who will be an independent, impartial finder of facts and applicable law. **You may be represented at this hearing by an attorney or other representative**. If you are not currently represented by an attorney, and wish to have one represent you at the hearing, you should make such arrangements as soon as possible. A more complete description of the hearing process and the ALJ's role may be found at Sections 102.34, 102.35, and 102.45 of the Board's Rules and Regulations. The Board's Rules and regulations are available at the following link: www.nlrb.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-1717/rules and regs part 102.pdf.

The NLRB allows you to file certain documents electronically and you are encouraged to do so because it ensures that your government resources are used efficiently. To e-file go to the NLRB's website at www.nlrb.gov, click on "e-file documents," enter the 10-digit case number on the complaint (the first number if there is more than one), and follow the prompts. You will receive a confirmation number and an e-mail notification that the documents were successfully filed.

Although this matter is set for trial, this does not mean that this matter cannot be resolved through a settlement agreement. The NLRB recognizes that adjustments or settlements consistent with the policies of the National Labor Relations Act reduce government expenditures and promote amity in labor relations and encourages the parties to engage in settlement efforts.

#### I. BEFORE THE HEARING

The rules pertaining to the Board's pre-hearing procedures, including rules concerning filing an answer, requesting a postponement, filing other motions, and obtaining subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and production of documents from other parties, may be found at Sections 102.20 through 102.32 of the Board's Rules and Regulations. In addition, you should be aware of the following:

- Special Needs: If you or any of the witnesses you wish to have testify at the hearing have special needs and require auxiliary aids to participate in the hearing, you should notify the Regional Director as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance. Assistance will be provided to persons who have handicaps falling within the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and 29 C.F.R. 100.603.
- Pre-hearing Conference: One or more weeks before the hearing, the ALJ may conduct a telephonic prehearing conference with the parties. During the conference, the ALJ will explore whether the case may be settled, discuss the issues to be litigated and any logistical issues related to the hearing, and attempt to resolve or narrow outstanding issues, such as disputes relating to subpoenaed witnesses and documents. This conference is usually not recorded, but during the hearing the ALJ or the parties sometimes refer to discussions at the pre-hearing conference. You do not have to wait until the prehearing conference to meet with the other parties to discuss settling this case or any other issues.

#### II. DURING THE HEARING

The rules pertaining to the Board's hearing procedures are found at Sections 102.34 through 102.43 of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Please note in particular the following:

- <u>Witnesses and Evidence</u>: At the hearing, you will have the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce into the record documents and other evidence.
- Exhibits: Each exhibit offered in evidence must be provided in duplicate to the court reporter and a copy of each of each exhibit should be supplied to the ALJ and each party when the exhibit is offered in evidence. If a copy of any exhibit is not available when the original is received, it will be the responsibility of the party offering such exhibit to submit the copy to the ALJ before the close of hearing. If a copy is not submitted, and the filing has not been waived by the ALJ, any ruling receiving the exhibit may be rescinded and the exhibit rejected.

- <u>Transcripts</u>: An official court reporter will make the only official transcript of the proceedings, and all citations in briefs and arguments must refer to the official record. The Board will not certify any transcript other than the official transcript for use in any court litigation. Proposed corrections of the transcript should be submitted, either by way of stipulation or motion, to the ALJ for approval. Everything said at the hearing while the hearing is in session will be recorded by the official reporter unless the ALJ specifically directs off-the-record discussion. If any party wishes to make off-the-record statements, a request to go off the record should be directed to the ALJ.
- Oral Argument: You are entitled, on request, to a reasonable period of time at the close of the hearing for oral argument, which shall be included in the transcript of the hearing. Alternatively, the ALJ may ask for oral argument if, at the close of the hearing, if it is believed that such argument would be beneficial to the understanding of the contentions of the parties and the factual issues involved.
- **Date for Filing Post-Hearing Brief**: Before the hearing closes, you may request to file a written brief or proposed findings and conclusions, or both, with the ALJ. The ALJ has the discretion to grant this request and to will set a deadline for filing, up to 35 days.

#### III. AFTER THE HEARING

The Rules pertaining to filing post-hearing briefs and the procedures after the ALJ issues a decision are found at Sections 102.42 through 102.48 of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Please note in particular the following:

- Extension of Time for Filing Brief with the ALJ: If you need an extension of time to file a post-hearing brief, you must follow Section 102.42 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, which requires you to file a request with the appropriate chief or associate chief administrative law judge, depending on where the trial occurred. You must immediately serve a copy of any request for an extension of time on all other parties and furnish proof of that service with your request. You are encouraged to seek the agreement of the other parties and state their positions in your request.
- ALJ's Decision: In due course, the ALJ will prepare and file with the Board a decision in this matter. Upon receipt of this decision, the Board will enter an order transferring the case to the Board and specifying when exceptions are due to the ALJ's decision. The Board will serve copies of that order and the ALJ's decision on all parties.
- Exceptions to the ALJ's Decision: The procedure to be followed with respect to appealing all or any part of the ALJ's decision (by filing exceptions with the Board), submitting briefs, requests for oral argument before the Board, and related matters is set forth in the Board's Rules and Regulations, particularly in Section 102.46 and following sections. A summary of the more pertinent of these provisions will be provided to the parties with the order transferring the matter to the Board.

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 4

AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC	) )	
and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) An Individual.	) ) ) )	Case 04-CA-258383 and 04-CA-261301

#### **RESPONDENT'S ANSWER**

Pursuant to Sections 102.20 and 102.21 of the National Labor Relations Board's Rules and Regulations, Amazon.com Services LLC ("Respondent," "Amazon" or the "Company"), through its undersigned counsel, answers the Consolidated Complaint ("Complaint") according to the Complaint's numbered paragraphs. To the extent that the Complaint's introduction contains allegations and legal conclusions, they are denied.

- 1. (a) Respondent is without knowledge as to the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- (b) Respondent is without knowledge as to the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
  - 2. (a) Admitted.
    - (b) Admitted.
    - (c) Admitted.
- 3. Respondent admits only that, during the time periods relevant to the Complaint, the following individuals were statutory supervisors under Section 2(11) of the Act: (b) (6) (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

the time periods relevant to the Complaint, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) were agents of Respondent. The remaining allegations in this subparagraph are denied.

- 4. (a) Denied
  - (b) Denied.
  - (c) Denied.
- 5. (a) Admitted.
- (b) Denied. By way of further response, Respondent admits only that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) enforced the rule described in subparagraph 6(a).
- 6. (a) This subparagraph states a legal conclusion for which no answer is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations of this subparagraph are denied.
  - (b) Admitted.
  - (c) Admitted.
- (d) Denied. By way of further response, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was suspended and terminated based on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) serious and egregious violations of Company polices, including, but not limited to, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) threat to "beat [the] ass" of co-worker and insubordinate refusal to follow repeated directions from management.
- 7. This subparagraph states a legal conclusion for which no answer is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations of this subparagraph are denied.
- 8. This subparagraph states a legal conclusion for which no answer is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations of this subparagraph are denied.

Any and all remaining allegations contained in the Complaint are denied.

#### SEPARATE DEFENSES

Respondent asserts the following separate defenses to the Complaint without conceding that it bears the burden of proof as to any of them:

- 1. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. Respondent has been denied due process of law.
- 3. The position of the Agency and the issuance of Complaint are not substantially justified.
- 4. The Complaint is barred inasmuch as the Charging Party failed to properly serve the charge on the Respondent as required by Section 102.14(a) of the Board's Rules and Regulations.
- 5. Some or all of the allegations of the Complaint are barred in whole or in part because such allegations were not within the scope of the allegations made in any underlying unfair labor practice charge(s).
- 5. Some or all of the allegations of the Complaint are barred in whole or in part by the applicable limitations period under Section 10(b) of the National Labor Relations Act.
- 6. Even if the General Counsel could establish a *prima facie case* which they cannot the facts establish that the Company's decisions would have occurred without regard to any purported protected concerted activity, which satisfies the Company's burden under *Wright Line, Inc.*, 251 NLRB 1083, 1089 (1980), *enforced*, 662 F.2d 899 (1st Cir. 1981).
- 7. The Respondent took the disciplinary actions identified in paragraphs 6(b) and 6(c) of the Complaint "for cause" within the meaning of Section 10(c) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. §160(c) and, therefore, "the reinstatement of any individual as an employee who has been suspended or discharged, or the payment to him of any backpay, if such individual was suspended or discharged for cause" is prohibited.

WHEREFORE, Respondent Amazon.com Services LLC requests that the Complaint and Notice of Hearing be dismissed, with prejudice.

Date: November 27, 2020 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph C. Ragaglia

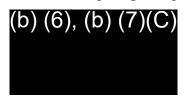
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Attorneys for Respondent Amazon.com Services LLC

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Answer was electronically filed, and served via email, on November 27, 2020, upon the following:

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National Labor Relations Board, Region 4
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